

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the pending claims with the following listing of claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A pit cover comprising:
a casing having a peripheral wall and an open first [[and]] end;
a cover plate configured to cover the first end of the casing;
~~a cross bar coupled to and extending across said peripheral wall on an inside of~~
~~said casing;~~ crossbar comprising a bar extending in a first direction, the bar having first
and second opposite ends with respective catch legs extending from the first and second
ends in respective directions not parallel to the first direction, the crossbar further
comprising a projecting tab which is releasably lockable to the cover plate; and
~~a cover plate configured to cover said first end of said casing, said cover plate~~
~~having: a first surface, which when said cover plate covers said first end is located on an~~
~~outside of said casing portion, and a second opposite surface; and, an enclosure supported~~
~~on said second surface and having an opening through which a part of said cross bar can~~
~~extend into said enclosure; and,~~
~~a door coupled to said cover plate said door moveable between a first portion~~
~~where said door closes said enclosure and a second position in which said door opens~~
~~said enclosure to allow access to said enclosure from said first surface.~~
first and second catches provided at opposite locations on an inside surface of the
peripheral wall, each of the catches comprising a catch wall spaced from the peripheral
wall and each catch wall provided with a slot for receiving a respective end of the
crossbar with respective catch legs located between the peripheral wall and a respective
one of the catch walls.
2. **(Currently Amended)** A pit cover according to claim [[1]] 11 further comprising biasing means associated with said door for biasing said door towards said first position.
3. **(Original)** A pit cover according to claim 2 wherein said door is pivotally coupled to said cover plate.

4-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A pit cover according to claim [[5]] 1 wherein said catches are formed separately from and fixed to said casing.

7-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) A pit cover according to claim [[1]] 10 wherein said cover plate comprises a bracing depending from said second opposite surface and extending inboard of, and about said cover plate, said bracing seated inside of said open first end.

10. (New) A pit cover according to claim 1,

wherein the cover plate has a first surface and an opposite second surface, the first surface being located on an outside of the casing when the cover plate covers the first end of the casing; and

wherein the pit cover further comprises an enclosure supported on the second surface of the cover plate, the enclosure having an opening through which the tab extends into the enclosure.

11. (New) A pit cover according to claim 10, further comprising a door coupled to the cover plate, the door being movable between

a first position where the door prevents access to the enclosure and an upper surface of the door is substantially co-planar with the first surface; and

a second position in which the door allows access to the enclosure from the first surface.

12. (New) A pit cover according to claim 1, wherein each catch comprises a box like structure that is fastened to the inside surface of the peripheral wall, the catch wall forming a part of the box like structure and extending parallel to the inside surface of the peripheral wall.

13. **(New)** A pit cover according to claim 1,
 wherein a hole is formed in the projecting tab, such that the hole is disposed
inside the enclosure when the projecting tab extends into the enclosure, and
 wherein the pit cover further comprises a locking device that engages the hole in
the tab to prevent withdrawal of the tab from the enclosure.
14. **(New)** A pit cover according to claim 1, wherein each catch leg extends
substantially perpendicularly to the first direction.